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**WILLIAM GUS JOHNSON PHOTOGRAPHS  
CA. 1990S**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Gus Johnson was a photographer of historical architecture. He was born on 30 May 1946 in Columbia, South Carolina, to John Bill Johnson and Evangeline Fygetakis Johnson. After graduating with a degree in history from Clemson University, he earned his master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He retired from the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort. His photographs were exhibited in art galleries and were published in a 1985 book titled *Historic Architecture of Bourbon County, Kentucky*. He traveled to many counties in Indiana, photographing historic buildings and bridges. He died on 10 November 2022 in Springfield, Kentucky.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one box of black-and-white photographs taken by William Gus Johnson of historic buildings and bridges in small towns in thirty counties throughout Indiana. The most represented towns are Madison in Jefferson County and Vevay in Switzerland County. The other counties represented are Adams, Blackford, Brown, Carroll, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Dearborn, Decatur, Dekalb, Fountain, Franklin, Grant, Hendricks, Henry, Martin, Miami, Ohio, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pulaski, Ripley, Rush, Spencer, Union, Washington, and Wayne.

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**Blackford County:** Montpelier—Chief Godfroy statue.

**Brown County:** Story—former General Store.

**Carroll County:** Delphi—entrance to Masonic Temple, 1996.

**Clark County:** Log house.

**Clay County:** Brazil—American Legion Post #2.

**Clinton County:** Rossville—Sanitary Lunch [restaurant owned and operated by Mayne & Weida].

**Dearborn County:** Aurora—Aylor & Meyer Co. mill. Lawrenceburg—Lieder Tafel [Liedertafel Hall at 229 Walnut Street].

**Decatur County:** Milford—Masonic lodge. Millhousen—Greek Revival commercial building.

**Dekalb County:** Garrett—movie theater [1997].

**Fountain County:** Attica—the Old Church and Parsonage [Greek Revival structure built in 1849–1850 as the Attica Presbyterian Church].

**Franklin County:** Oldenburg—entrance to Huegel Tavern, showing the engraved moon and sun on either side of the letters JHEH on the stone lintel [the initials of the original owners, Joseph and Elizabeth Huegel, who built the house in 1845].

**Grant County:** Fairmount—Fairmount High School.

**Hendricks County:** Lizton—Knights of Pythias Castle Hall.

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- Henry County:** Knightstown—Knightstown Academy [the Second Empire Napoleon III–style structure was built as a Quaker Academy in 1876].  
Lewisville—Guyer Opera House [110 W. Main Street, established in 1901]. Spiceland—Spiceland Township Public Library, established in 1863. Box 1, Folder 15
- Jefferson County:** Madison—  
Taken in 1992: southwest view of commercial buildings in 200-block of E. Main Street; southwest view of Greek Revival house at 428 Mulberry Street; southeast view of James F.D. Lanier Mansion; southeast view of Greek Revival and Italianate rowhouses in the 500-block of Broadway; northwest view of Schofield House at 217 W. Third Street; south view of Jeremiah Sullivan House on W. Third Street; south view of Washington Fire Company on W. Third Street.  
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- Ohio County:** Rising Sun—Ohio County Courthouse, erected in 1845. Box 1, Folder 19
- Owen County:** Spencer—Tivoli Theater [ca. 1997]. Box 1, Folder 20
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- Ripley County:** Napoleon—St. Maurice Catholic Church, School, and Parsonage. Olean—limestone viaduct near Olean. Osgood—Damm Theatre [opened in 1921 as the Columbia Theatre by Gottlieb and Emma Herman and Richard Beer, the theater was purchased by Louis Damm and opened as the Damm Theatre on 22 February 1922; a dance hall was on the second floor]. Box 1, Folder 24
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- Spencer County:** Saint Meinrad—Archabbey Church at St. Meinrad Monastery. Box 1, Folder 26
- Switzerland County:** Florence—Freemason lodge. Vevay—Knox House at 302 W. Main Street; McCormick Tavern on Walnut Street; McMillan House on Market Street; Roxy House on W. Market Street; Vevay Roller Mill on Pike Street [constructed as a flour mill in 1819 with additions in 1826 and 1858; demolished in June 2003] [ca. 1994]. Box 1, Folder 27
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- Wayne County:** Cambridge City—Cambridge Feed Mills. Dublin—American Legion Leroy Tout Post No. 338. Box 1, Folder 30